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## Part III DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply brief filed 02 February 1999 has been entered and considered but no further response by the examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

## Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ***Michael G. Lee*** whose telephone number is (703) 305-3503. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 6:30AM to 4:00PM Monday thru Thursday and every other Friday (first Friday of the bi-week).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald T. Hajec, can be reached on (703) 308-4075. The fax phone number for this Group is (703)308-5841 or (703) 308-7722.

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